

Women's Advocacy—Nellie Suggs of Westfield.

These women exemplify leadership and dedication to both Union County and the community at large. For these tremendous contributions to New Jersey and their incredible example as public servants, I am very happy to honor these individuals for their achievements. I salute and congratulate all of them on their extraordinary accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 1999

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather I was unavoidably detained in North Carolina this morning and was therefore unable to cast a vote on rollcall Votes 34, 35 and 36. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on rollcall 34, "YEA" on rollcall 35 and "YEA" on rollcall 36.

HONORING MS. RITA SCHWARTZ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Rita Schwartz, for her exemplary community service, and for her numerous contributions to the Brooklyn community.

Ms. Rita Schwartz is the Director of Government Relations for the General Contractors Association of New York Inc., a trade organization representing the heavy construction industry. She is responsible for developing and implementing legislative and community strategies for the funding and building of the city's infrastructure system and is active politically in City Hall, Albany, and Washington. Ms. Schwartz is committed to developing opportunities for women and minorities in the construction industry and is involved in several organizations to help these groups gain access to various career opportunities.

Ms. Schwartz has served in the public sector for many years as Supervisor for Government Relations and Community Affairs with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. She was responsible for government and community relations and represented the Port Authority with civic, business, community groups and elected officials. In addition, she coordinated special projects and events and had an additional responsibility as Director of Homeless Service Programs for the Port Authority. Before working for the Port Authority, Ms. Schwartz was with the New York City Department of the Aging, the Health and Hospitals Corporation and the New York City Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Ms. Schwartz is a lifetime resident of Brooklyn, she and her husband live in Brooklyn Heights where they raised their son and daughter. She served as a Board member of

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Community Board 2, and other community organizations. She received a bachelor's degree in music education from the State University of New York, Potsdam, a master degree from New York University and a Ph.D. Teaching Fellow at New York University.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Ms. Rita Schwartz, who has helped our community and has served as an excellent role model.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Chairman, during rollcall vote No. 38 on March 10, 1999, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 17

8 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To resume hearings to examine the nature of risk management in agriculture and federal crop insurance programs.

SR-328A

9 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-406

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S.400, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-government.

SR-485

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to mark up S.326, to improve the access and choice of pa-

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tients to quality, affordable health care, and to consider pending nominations.

SD-430

Governmental Affairs

To resume hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act.

SH-216

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the efforts to reform and streamline the Department of Defense's acquisition process.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans.

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Energy and Natural Resources

Foreign Relations

To hold joint hearings on proposals to expand Iraqi oil for food.

SD-419

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, General Accounting Office, and the Government Printing Office.

SD-116

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Air Force programs.

SD-192

Finance

To hold hearings on the implementation of 1997 Medicare changes to Medicare-Fee for Service and Medicare+Choice Programs.

SD-215

10:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings on loss of open space and environmental quality.

SD-406

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on tactical aviation modernization, and the future years defense program.

SR-222

MARCH 18

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To resume hearings on loss of open space and environmental quality.

SD-406

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Civilian Radioactive Waste and Environmental Management programs.

SD-124

Armed Services

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program.

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Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SD-116

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations
East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the countdown to elections in Indonesia.

SD-419

Finance

To hold hearings to examine issues of the federal recovery of a portion of the tobacco settlement funds attributable to Medicaid.

SD-215

10:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold joint hearings to review United States policy and strategy for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in preparation for the OSCE Summit Meeting scheduled to convene in Istanbul this year.

SR-485

2 p.m.

Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the readiness of the United States Air Force and Army operating forces.

SH-216

Appropriations

Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, focusing on energy conservation, fossil energy research and development, and other related programs.

SD-124

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations
European Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings on issues relating to the European Union, focusing on internal reform, enlargement, and a common foreign policy.

SD-419

MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings on Medicare fraud issues.

SD-124

MARCH 22

10 a.m.

Judiciary
Youth Violence Subcommittee
Criminal Justice Oversight Subcommittee
To hold joint oversight hearings to review the Department of Justice firearm prosecutions.

SD-226

1 p.m.

Aging
To hold hearings to examine the quality of care in nursing homes.

SH-216

1:30 p.m.

Governmental Affairs
Investigations Subcommittee
To hold hearings on securities fraud on the internet.

SD-342

MARCH 23

9 a.m.

Aging
To hold hearings on a proposal to support family care givers.

SD-106

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary
Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee
To hold hearings on issues relating to internet gambling.

SD-226

Governmental Affairs
Investigations Subcommittee

To resume hearings on securities fraud on the internet.

SD-342

MARCH 24

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S.399, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Retired Officers Association.

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Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs and the future years defense program.

SR-222

2 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S.323, to redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park and establish the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area; S.338, to provide for the collection of fees for the

making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in units of the Department of the Interior; and S.568, to allow the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to establish a fee system for commercial filming activities in a site or resource under their jurisdictions.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services
SeaPower Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine littoral force protection and power projection in the 21st century.

SR-232A

MARCH 25

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold oversight hearings on the economic impacts of the Kyoto Protocol to the Framework Convention on Climate Change.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on issues relating to United States-Taiwan relations.

SD-419

APRIL 14

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the published scandals plaguing the Olympics.

SR-253

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on the implementation of welfare reform for Indians.

SR-485

APRIL 21

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs
To hold oversight hearings on Bureau of Indian Affairs capacity and mission.

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SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion.

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CANCELLATIONS

MARCH 18

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

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